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COUNTRY Eastern Germany TOPIC Laerz Airfield

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EVALUATION see below PLACE OBTAINED [redacted] 25X1

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P-3 1. Between 9 and 28 July 1952, the following railroad tank cars arrived for Laerz airfield:

Date in July	Number of Tank Cars
9	2
10	1
11	1
12	7
13	2
14	1
15	1
21	4
22	13
26	5
27	4
28	1

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2. Between 21 July and 9 August, the following air activity was observed at the field:

21 July. Between 7:30 a.m. and 6 p.m., individual flights and take-offs in elements of two were performed by jet aircraft.

22 July. Between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m., there was flying by jet fighters including two with [redacted] (2)

23 July. Flying was practiced between 7:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

24 July. Between 7:30 a.m. and 7 p.m., take-offs were made in elements of two and formation flying was practiced in formations of about five planes. Between 9:15 p.m. and about 1 a.m., there was night flying. [redacted] four planes.

25 July. Between noon and 5 p.m., individual flights were made by jet fighters, including three with [redacted]

26 July. There was no flying.

28 July. Between 1 and 10 p.m., there was flying by jet fighters two of which [redacted]

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29 July. Between 2 and 6 p.m., flying was practiced. []

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[] were observed on three planes which flew individually.
31 July. Individual flights were made by jet fighters between [] and 5 p.m.

1 August. Between 3 a.m. and 5 p.m., there was flying and firing at [] in Klopzow.

2 August. Seven jet aircraft made individual flights between 3 a.m. and 1 p.m.

3 August. There was no flying.

4 August. Between 6:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., individual flights were made. One plane had the []. Individual night flying was performed from 7 p.m. to about 1 a.m.

5 August. Between 7 a.m. and 2 p.m., jet aircraft took off individually and in elements of two. The [] were observed on two planes.

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6 August. Aircraft took off in elements of two between 7:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Individual flights and air-to-air firing was practiced in Klopzow.

7 August. Between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., five jet fighters flew individually. Two type-29 planes had the [].

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8 August. Between 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., there was flying by jet fighters including one with the [].

9 August. No air activity was observed up to 3 a.m. The aircraft with the [] were definitely identified to be type-29 s. (2)

3. On 8 August, groups of 5 to 6 men were working on four jet aircraft parked near the flight control building. On some aircraft the rudder assembly was removed, on others the rear section of the fuselage was missing. The large [] were still observed on the edge of the woods.

4. Work was nearing completion in the rooming house which was located in Rechlin, 100 meters west of the road fork formed by Rechlin-Vietzen and Rechlin-Letzow roads, almost half way between the road fork and Rechlin church. Work was being done on a large structure, probably a garage, 50 meters long, 7 meters wide and 2.6 meters high, located on the western side of the railroad line about 1 km south of Millerholz railroad station.

5. []

6. At 1 p.m., on 23 July, two swept-back jet fighters with the [] were observed taking off from the field. On 24 July, 16 swept-back jet fighters took off in elements of two in rapid succession.

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7. On 22 July, [] Rechlin-Laerz road which extends to the western boundary of the field was released for all traffic, [] -Retzow road along the eastern field border was blocked. Yet []

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at the field included: [REDACTED]

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On 29 July, 40 MiG-15 and type-29 planes, including the 6 MiG-15s of the alert flight, and 2 biplanes were counted at the field. (4)
 On 3 August, 29 MiG-15 and type-29 planes and 2 Po-2s were observed at the field. Between 29 July and 3 August, there was the usual air activity which was intensified only on 1 and 2 August between 6:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

On 1 August, a rail shipment of six AA guns was observed en route from Kroepelin to Laerz. Another shipment of six AA guns moved from Ellerholz to Kroepelin on 4 August. (5)

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11. On 10 August, 14 MiG-15 and Type-29 planes, 2 biplanes and 1 single-engine plane were counted at the field. At 10:30 a.m. on 13 August, 42 MiG-15 and type-29 planes and 2 biplanes were observed there. Every day between 7 and 13 August, flying was practiced. [REDACTED]

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12. Between 9 a.m. and noon on 30 July, there was local flying by a few fighters and Yak-11s which took off at intervals of 30 minutes. Between noon and 4 p.m., there was flying. First individual take-offs were made and later take-offs were performed in formations of about five planes. The landings were made individually. [REDACTED] were identified on two Yak-11s. Between 3 and 11 p.m. on 4 August, there was intensive air activity by jet fighters and Yak-11s. At nightfall, a rotary searchlight was in operation at the field. [REDACTED] identified on six MiG-15s.

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13. AA guns, probably of 37-mm caliber, were observed at the AA gun emplacements in the southwestern section of the field. (5) The following motor vehicles were observed at the field: [REDACTED]

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Comments.

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[REDACTED] the fighter regiments

stationed in Laerz. During June, only 32 railroad tank cars arrived in Laerz.

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The air activity follows the previously observed pattern. [REDACTED]

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Since mid-June, about 40 jet aircraft have been stationed at the field. Although the number of aircraft is rather low, two fighter regiments are still believed to be stationed at Laerz airfield. Their presence is also confirmed by the reported arrival of fuel [REDACTED]

(5) According to available information, two AAA batteries, each of six 37-mm guns, are located at the field. From the reported shipments it is inferred that these batteries were sent to the Lustrow AAA firing range for firing with live ammunition.

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